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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,576,839 to Dischler. Claims 6, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,576,839 to Dischler.

Claims 1, 10 and 13-18 have been canceled.

The indication that claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 11 has been amended to be in independent form. Thus claim 11 should be allowable.

Claims 2-9 and 19-20 depend from claim 11 and should be allowable since they merely constitute further limitations to allowable claim 11.

Claim 12 has also been amended to be in independent form. Thus, claim 12 should also be allowable.

No other issues remain outstanding in this application.

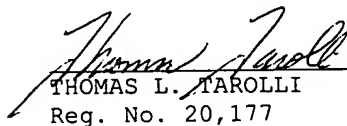
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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